

DATE: May 7, 2002  
TO: Elgin Budget Committee  
FROM: Elgin Opera House  
SUBJECT: Request for Replacing Furnace

As everyone knows the cost of utilities has risen dramatically. In 2001 the Opera House paid over \$4,000 in natural gas heat alone. In addition, three out of five years major repairs have been made to the existing furnace.

The furnace, which heats the main body of the Opera House, was installed about 1985. In those seventeen years more efficient systems have been developed. We know that along with a new heating system that would essentially save heat cost a weatherization plan needs to be in place. We will be addressing weatherization of the known problems this summer and replacing or repairing those areas.

We ask that you consider including in the budget replacement of the existing furnace in the Opera House.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry and Shirley Peters